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E.O. 11652: GD
TAGS: CENTO, MARR, MASS, US
SUBJECT: CENTO MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

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1. WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO DELETING FUNDS FROM THE FY78 BUDGET FOR THE CENTO MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (CMPS).
2. AN OFFICIAL PLEDGE WAS MADE IN THE 1975 CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PROVIDE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FOR THIS PROJECT. NO REQUIREMENT WAS MADE AT THAT TIME REGARDING THE NECESSITY FOR REGIONAL PARTNERS TO PROVIDE FUNDS.
3. IF WE NOW RENEGE ON THIS PLEDGE WE WILL BE CALLING THE INTEGRITY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTO SERIOUS QUESTION. IF WE FORMALLY REQUIRE OTHER REGIONAL MEMBERS OF CENTO PUT FUNDS INTO THE CMPS BEFORE WE WILL CONSIDER HONORING OUR PROMISE WE INTRODUCE NEW CONDITIONS WHICH WERE NOT PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE WHEN HE COMMITTED THE USG.

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4. IF OMB CANNOT SEE ITS WAY CLEAR TO APPROVE FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT THIS YEAR WE MUST HOLD OUT THE HOPE OF GETTING THE MONEY IN ANOTHER YEAR. IN THE MEANTIME WE CAN INFORMALLY EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT BY OUR REGIONAL PARTNERS. A USEFUL STARTING POINT FOR THIS INFORMAL SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS MIGHT BE CENTO SECRETARY-GENERAL BAYULKEN'S ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON MARCH 25-30.

5. IN DISCUSSING THIS WITH THE SYG, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT
IT WOULD EASE OUR TASK IN GETTING THE MONEY IF WE CAN GET IRAN
INTO THE ACT. IN THIS REGARD, HOWEVER, HE SHOULD NOT BE TOLD
THAT THIS IS A CONDITION OF OUR GOING AHEAD BECAUSE THAT WOULD
AMOUNT TO A STATEMENT THAT THE USG IS RENEGING ON ITS WORD.
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